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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **THE ROLE OF THE ELECTED CITY ATTORNEY AS THE INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE, A DISCUSSION WITH THE SAN DIEGO LEGAL COMMUNITY**

**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, August 7, 2007, noon- 1 p.m.

**LOCATION:** San Diego County Bar Association  
1333 Seventh Avenue  
Downtown San Diego

The legal community will hear San Diego City Attorney Michael Aguirre speak on the origins and history of the City Attorney's role under the San Diego City Charter. The elected office was created by the voters in the general election on April 7, 1931.

The presentation will include discussion of what is the duty of the elected City Attorney to the people, to the City and to the City Council, as well as the office's role as the law firm to the City of San Diego.

Issues that will be discussed:

- Legal interpretations and legislative intent of Section 40 of the San Diego City Charter;
- Legal issues related to authority given to the City Attorney's Office, including the City Attorney's ability to file and defend certain types of lawsuits; and
- Charter directive that the City Attorney be "the chief legal advisor of, and attorney for the City and all Departments and offices thereof in matters relating to their official powers and duties."

The one-hour seminar is an approved mandatory continuing legal education course. It will be held at the San Diego County Bar Center.

Course materials will include the City Attorney's Report on the Role of the City Attorney as Independent Representative of the People and City of San Diego, which is accessible to the public by visiting the City Attorney's web site: [www.sandiegocityattorney.org](http://www.sandiegocityattorney.org), click on the homepage, "Role of the City Attorney."

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